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19034154 Document Delivery Available: 000223153200009 References: 22  
TITLE: Serotype III Streptococcus **agalactiae** from bovine milk and  
human neonatal infections  
AUTHOR(S): **Bohnsack JF (REPRINT)**; Whiting AA; Martinez G; Jones N;  
**Adderson EE**; Detrick S; Blaschke-Bonkowsky AJ; Bisharat N;  
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ABSTRACT: Streptococcus **agalactiae** (group B streptococcus [GBS]) causes invasive human infections and bovine mastitis. This study examined the genetic relationship between bovine and human serotype III GBS by using molecular techniques that classify human serotype III GBS into four distinct phylogenetic lineages. Bovine serotype III GBS were largely contained in two lineages, which are distinct from the two major lineages (restriction digest types III-2 and III-3) that

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infect human neonates. One of the bovine lineages closely resembles the human III-1 lineage, whose members occasionally cause human neonatal infections. The bovine strains in the other lineage characteristically have an initiation factor IF2 gene (infB) H allele and multilocus sequence types that are not found in human **GBS** strains. Evidence suggests that this "H allele" lineage is related to the human III-3 lineage. These results support the assertion that human and bovine **GBS** are largely unrelated and provide further insight into the genetic relation between human and bovine **GBS**.

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18686128 Document Delivery Available: 000221981000006 References: 19  
TITLE: Equivalence of high-virulence clonotypes of serotype III **group B** *Streptococcus agalactiae* (**GBS**)  
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ABSTRACT: Analysis of growth characteristics, multilocus enzyme electrophoresis, restriction digest pattern (RDP) typing and multilocus sequence typing have identified clonotypes of serotype III **group B** *Streptococcus agalactiae* (**GIBS**) associated with invasive infection in neonates. This study sought to unify phenotypic and genotypic classifications of type III **GBS** strains associated with increased virulence in newborns. High-virulence clonotype (HVC) strains possessed the translation initiation factor 2 (infB) C allele, found in RDP type III-3 strains, and hybridized with the RDP type III-3-specific probe AA3.6, whereas non-HVC strains shared the infB A allele and genomic DNA from these strains did not hybridize with the AA3.6 probe. The characteristic growth lag of HVC **GBS** at 40degreesC has been attributed to the presence of a heat-labile fructose-1,6-bisphosphate aldolase (Fba) enzyme in these strains. The deduced amino acid sequence of fba genes of both HVC and non-HVC strains, however, were identical. HVC and RDP type III-3 represent the same genetically related group of bacteria. The characteristic growth differences of virulent strains of type III **GIBS**, however, are not directly attributable to differences in fba.

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17409452 Document Delivery Available: 000186835500023 References: 38  
TITLE: Subtractive hybridization identifies a novel predicted protein  
mediating epithelial cell invasion by virulent serotype III **group B** *Streptococcus agalactiae*  
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ABSTRACT: **Group B** *Streptococcus agalactiae* bacteria ( **group B** *streptococci* [**GBS**]) are the most common cause of serious bacterial infection in newborn infants. The majority of serotype III-related cases of neonatal disease are caused by a genetically related subgroup of bacteria, restriction fragment digest pattern (RDP) type III-3, suggesting that these strains possess unique genes contributing to virulence. We used genomic subtractive hybridization to identify regions of genomic DNA unique to virulent RDP type III-3 **GBS** strains. Within one of these III-3-specific regions is a 1,506-bp open reading frame, *spb1* (surface protein of **group B** *streptococcus* 1). A mutant type III **GBS** strain lacking *Spb1* was constructed in virulent RDP type III-3 strain 874391, and the interactions of the wild-type and *spb1* isogenic mutant with a variety of epithelial cells important to **GBS** colonization and infection were compared. While adherence of the *spb1* isogenic mutant to A549 respiratory, C2Bbel colonic, and HeLa cervical epithelial cells was slightly lower than that of the 874391 strain, invasion of the *Spb1*(-) mutant was significantly reduced with these cell lines compared to what was seen with 874391. The defect in epithelial invasion was corrected by supplying *spb1* in trans. These observations suggest that *Spb1* contributes to the pathogenesis of neonatal **GBS** infection by mediating internalization of virulent serotype III **GBS** and confirm that understanding of the population structure of bacteria may lead to insights into the pathogenesis of human infections.

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16398382 Document Delivery Available: 000183466200043 References: 26  
TITLE: Multilocus sequence typing system for **group B** *streptococcus*  
AUTHOR(S): Jones N (REPRINT); **Bohnsack JF**; Takahashi S; Oliver KA;

Chan MS; Kunst F; Glaser P; Rusnick C; Crook DWM; Harding RM; Bisharat N; Spratt BG  
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ABSTRACT: A multilocus sequence typing (MLST) system was developed for **group B streptococcus (GBS)**. The system was used to characterize a collection (n = 152) of globally and ecologically diverse human strains of **GBS** that included representatives of capsular serotypes Ia, Ib, II, III, V, VI, and VIII. Fragments (459 to 519 bp) of seven housekeeping genes were amplified by PCR for each strain and sequenced. The combination of alleles at the seven loci provided an allelic profile or sequence type (ST) for each strain. A subset of the strains were characterized by restriction digest patterning, and these results were highly congruent with those obtained with MLST. There were 29 STs, but 668 of isolates were assigned to four major STs. ST-1 and ST-19 were significantly associated with asymptomatic carriage, whereas ST-23 included both carried and invasive strains. All 44 isolates of ST-17 were serotype III clones, and this ST appeared to define a homogeneous clone that was strongly associated with neonatal invasive infections. The finding that isolates with different capsular serotypes had the same ST suggests that recombination occurs at the capsular locus. A web site for **GBS** MLST was set up and can be accessed at <http://sagalactiae.mlst.net>. The **GBS** MLST system offers investigators a valuable typing tool that will promote further investigation of the population biology of this organism.

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TITLE: Correlation of phylogenetic lineages of **group B streptococci**, identified by analysis of restriction-digestion patterns of genomic DNA, with infB alleles and mobile genetic elements  
AUTHOR(S): Takahashi S; Detrick S; Whiting AA; Blaschke-Bonkowsky AJ; Aoyagi Y; Adderson EE; Bohnsack JF (REPRINT)  
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ABSTRACT: Phylogenetic lineages of pathogenic *Streptococcus agalactiae* (group B streptococci [GBS]) can be identified by analysis of restriction-digestion patterns (RDPs) of chromosomal DNA. The purpose of the present study was to correlate GBS RDP types and (1) alleles of the highly conserved gene encoding translation-initiation factor IF2, infB, and/or (2) the inserted elements IS1548 and GBS1. Only 1 combination of serotype and infB allele was found within each RDP type. Strains within a particular RDP type also tend to have the same inserted elements in each of 3 loci examined. A novel insertion sequence, designated "IS1563," was found within all RDP type II-2 strains. Most RDP types could be identified by a combination of serotype, infB allele, and inserted elements at each of the loci. These molecular markers can be used to identify GBS populations and to correlate RDP types and phylogenetic lineages identified by different methods.

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13349826 References: 23  
TITLE: Long-range mapping of the *Streptococcus agalactiae* phylogenetic lineage restriction digest pattern type III-3 reveals clustering of virulence genes  
AUTHOR(S): Bohnsack JF (REPRINT); Whiting AA; Bradford RD; Van Frank BK; Takahashi S; Adderson EE  
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ABSTRACT: Human isolates of serotype III *Streptococcus agalactiae* (group B streptococcus [GBS]) can be divided into three separate phylogenetic lineages based on analysis of the restriction digest patterns (RDPs) of chromosomal DNA. Nine DNA sequences that are present in all isolates of the RDP III-3 phylogenetic lineage, but not in the other

lineages, were identified by genomic subtractive hybridization. A complete physical map of a III-3 chromosome was constructed. Six of the nine III-3-specific sequences mapped to a 340-kb Sse8387I fragment which contains or is located close to known **GBS** virulence genes. One of the III-3-specific probes, AW-10, encodes part of GBSi1, a group II intron that is inserted at two sites within the **GBS** genome. The second chromosomal site for GBSi1 was isolated, sequenced, and mapped to a location near the locus responsible for hemolysin production. These findings suggest that the genetic variation that distinguishes the RDP type III-3 strains from other serotype III strains occurs largely within localized areas of the genome containing known or putative virulence genes.

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12700971 References: 15  
TITLE: Phylogenetic classification of serotype III **group B** streptococci on the basis of *hylB* gene analysis and DNA sequences specific to restriction digest pattern type III-3  
AUTHOR(S): **Bohnsack JF (REPRINT);** Takahashi S; Detrick SR; Pelinka LR ; Hammitt LL; Aly AA; Whiting AA; Adderson EE  
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ABSTRACT: Previous work divided serotype III **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) into 3 major phylogenetic lineages (III-1, III-2, and III-3) on the basis of bacterial DNA restriction digest patterns (RDPs). Most neonatal invasive disease was caused by III-3 strains, which implies that III-3 strains are more virulent than III-2 or III-1 strains. In the current studies, all RDP III-3 and III-1 strains expressed hyaluronate lysase activity; however, all III-2 strains lack hyaluronate lysase activity, because the gene that encodes hyaluronate lysase, *hylB*, is inactivated by IS1548. Subtractive hybridization was used to identify 9 short DNA sequences that are present in all the III-3 strains but not in any of the III-2 or III-1 strains. With 1 exception, these III-3-specific sequences were not detected in nonserotype III **GBS**. These data further validate the RDP-based subclassification of **GBS** and suggest that lineage-specific genes will be identified, which account for the differences in virulence among the lineages.

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TITLE: Bacterial genetics and human immunity to **group B streptococci**

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ABSTRACT: Serotype III **group B Streptococcus agalactiae** (GBS) are the most common cause of neonatal sepsis and meningitis. We have classified type III GBS by restriction digest patterns of chromosomal DNA and demonstrated that a subgroup of genetically related strains (RDP type III-3) causes the majority of type III GBS neonatal infection. Genetic differences between type III GBS strains contribute significantly to differences in virulence and host immune responses. While 100% of less virulent RDP type III-1 and III-2 organisms express C5a-ase, an inhibitor of neutrophil chemotaxis, only 63% of virulent RDP type III-3 isolates have functional C5a-ase. Functional differences in type III GBS C5a-ase are attributable to a shared genetic polymorphism, supporting our genetic classification. The mean capsular sialic acid content of virulent RDP type III-3 strains is significantly higher than that of less virulent strains, suggesting that capsular sialylation is also genetically regulated. C5a-ase is not critical for all RDP type III-3 strains to be invasive because the higher capsular sialic acid content of III-3 strains limits complement activation. The identification of these and additional genetic differences between GBS strains has important implications for our understanding of the pathogenesis of these important human infections. (C) 2000 Academic Press.

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11919389 References: 22

TITLE: Genetic polymorphisms of **group B streptococcus** *scpB* alter functional activity of a cell-associated peptidase that inactivates C5a

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ABSTRACT: Many **group B** *Streptococcus agalactiae* strains and other pathogenic streptococci express a cell-associated peptidase that inactivates C5a (C5a-ase), the major neutrophil chemoattractant produced by activation of the complement cascade. Type III **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) can be classified genotypically into three restriction digest pattern types. Functional C5a-ase activity of **GBS** correlates with this genetic typing; therefore, we sought to identify a genetic basis for this phenomenon. Southern hybridization confirms that all type III **GBS** contain *scpB*, the gene encoding **GBS** C5a-ase, **GBS** strains with high C5a-ase functional activity and those with no or very low activity both express immunoreactive C5a-ase. The *scpB* sequence of strain 130, which has high C5a-ase activity, is 98.2% homologous to the previously reported serotype II **GBS** *scpB* sequence. The *scpB* sequences of strains I25 and GW, which have low or no C5a-ase activity, are identical. The predicted I25 and GW C5a-ase proteins share a four-amino-acid deletion affecting the protease histidine active-site consensus motif. Recombinant I30 C5a-ase has good functional activity, whereas recombinant I25 C5a-ase has low activity. These data demonstrate that functional C5a-ase differences between type III **GBS** strains are attributable to a genetic polymorphism of *scpB*. The ubiquitous expression of C5a-ase, irrespective of functional activity, suggests that C5a-ase may have a second, as yet unidentified, function.

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ABSTRACT: DERWENT ABSTRACT: NOVELTY - Isolated streptococcal polypeptides, which comprise the *Streptococcus agalactiae* matrix adhesion (Ema) polypeptides, are new. The polypeptides comprise EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE. DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: (1) a vaccine or an immunogenic composition comprising one or more of the streptococcal polypeptides EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD and/or EmaE, and a pharmaceutical adjuvant; (2) a purified antibody or monoclonal antibody to the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE; (3) pharmaceutical compositions comprising: (a) one or more of the streptococcal polypeptides EmaA-E, and a pharmaceutical carrier; (b) the antibodies to the streptococcal polypeptides EmaA-E and a pharmaceutical carrier; or (c) a combination of at least two antibodies to the streptococcal proteins and a pharmaceutical carrier, where at least one antibody to EmaA-E is combined with at least one antibody to a protein selected from Spb1 and Spb2, Rib, Lmb, C5a-ase or C protein alpha antigen; (4) an immortal cell line that produces the monoclonal antibody; (5) isolated nucleic acids encoding the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE; (6) a vector comprising the nucleic acid and a promoter; (7) a host vector system for the production of the polypeptide comprising the vector in a host cell; (8) a unicellular host transformed with the recombinant DNA of (5); (9) a nucleic acid vaccine comprising the recombinant DNA of (5); (10) methods for detecting the presence of: (a) the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE; or (b) a bacterium having a gene encoding the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE; (11) Ema homologous polypeptides from additional bacterial species comprising an isolated: (a) *S. pneumoniae* Ema polypeptide comprising 304 or 297 amino acids fully defined in the specification; (b) *S. pyogenes* Ema polypeptide comprising 150 amino acids fully defined in the specification; (c) *Enterococcus faecalis* Ema

polypeptide comprising 284 amino acids fully defined in the specification; or (d) *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* Ema polypeptide comprising 348 amino acids fully defined in the specification; (12) isolated nucleic acids encoding the streptococcal polypeptides of (11); (13) methods for preventing infection with a bacterium that expresses a streptococcal Ema polypeptide by administering the vaccine or immunogenic composition; (14) methods for treating or preventing infection with a bacterium expressing a streptococcal Ema polypeptide, or for inducing an immune response in a subject who has been exposed to or infected with a streptococcal bacterium, by administering the pharmaceutical composition of (3); and (15) isolated bacterial polypeptides. BIOTECHNOLOGY - Preferred Polypeptide: The EmaA polypeptide comprises the sequence having 245 amino acids fully defined in the specification, or analogs, variants or immunogenic fragments of this. The EmaB polypeptide comprises the sequence having 307 amino acids fully defined in the specification, or its analogs, variants or immunogenic fragments. The EmaC polypeptide comprises the sequence having 305 amino acids fully defined in the specification, or its analogs, variants or immunogenic fragments. The EmaD polypeptide comprises the sequence having 283 amino acids fully defined in the specification, or its analogs, variants or immunogenic fragments. The EmaE polypeptide comprises the sequence having 903 amino acids fully defined in the specification, or its analogs, variants or immunogenic fragments. The streptococcal polypeptides are preferably labeled with a detectable label. The isolated bacterial polypeptides of (15) comprise an isolated bacterial (streptococcal) polypeptide, which is not isolated from *Actinomyces*, comprising: TLLTCTPYMIN(S/T)HRLLV(R/K)G. The bacterial polypeptide also comprises: TLVTCTPYGINTHRLLVTA. The isolated bacterial or streptococcal polypeptide may also comprise: TLVTCTPYGVNTKRLLVRG. Preferred Nucleic Acid: The isolated nucleic acid comprises: (a) the DNA sequence comprising 737, 924, 918, 852 or 2712 bp (which encodes streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE, respectively) fully defined in the specification; (b) DNA sequences that hybridize to the (a) under moderate hybridization conditions; (c) DNA sequences capable of encoding the amino acid sequence encoded by the DNA sequences of (a) or (b); or (d) degenerate variants, alleles or hybridizable fragments of the above. The nucleic acid is a recombinant DNA molecule. Preferably, the DNA molecule is operatively linked to an expression control sequence. The vector has a promoter, which comprises a bacterial, yeast, insect or mammalian promoter. The vector is a plasmid, cosmid, yeast artificial chromosome (YAC), bacteriophage or eukaryotic viral DNA. The isolated nucleic acids encoding the Ema homologous polypeptides of (11) comprise: (a) the DNA sequence comprising 915 or 894 bp, 855 or 1047 bp (which encodes the *S. pneumoniae*, *E. faecalis* or *C. diphtheriae* Ema polypeptide, respectively) fully defined in the specification; (b) DNA sequences that hybridize to the (a) under moderate hybridization conditions; (c) DNA sequences capable of encoding the amino acid sequence encoded by the DNA sequences of (a) or (b); or (d) degenerate variants, alleles or hybridizable fragments of the above. Preferred Composition: The vaccine or immunogenic composition further comprises an antigen selected from the following: (a) the polypeptide Spb1 or its immunogenic fragment; (b) the polypeptide Spb2 or its immunogenic fragment; (c) the polypeptide C protein alpha antigen or its immunogenic fragment; (d) the polypeptide Rib or its immunogenic fragment; (e) the polypeptide Lmb or its immunogenic fragment; (f) the

polypeptide C5a-ase or its immunogenic fragment; (g) **Group B** streptococcal polysaccharides or oligosaccharides; or (h) any combination of one or more of the above. The pharmaceutical composition of (3a) further comprises an active ingredient consisting of: (a) Spb1 or Spb2 polypeptide; (b) C protein alpha antigen; (c) Rib polypeptide; (d) Lmb polypeptide; (e) C5a-ase polypeptide; (f) a **Group B** streptococcal polysaccharide or oligosaccharide; or (g) an anti-streptococcal vaccine. Preferred Antibody: The antibody is preferably labeled with a detectable label. In particular, the label consists of an enzyme, a chemical that fluoresces or a radioactive element. Preferred Host Cell: The host cell comprises a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell. Preferred Method: In detecting the presence of the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE in method (10), the streptococcal polypeptide is measured by: (a) contacting a sample in which the presence or activity of the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE is suspected with an antibody to the streptococcal polypeptide under conditions that allow binding of the streptococcal polypeptide to the antibody to occur; and (b) detecting whether binding has occurred between the streptococcal polypeptide in the sample and the antibody. Detection of binding indicates the presence or activity of the streptococcal polypeptide in the sample. Also in method (10), detecting a bacterium having a gene encoding the streptococcal polypeptide EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD or EmaE comprises: (a) contacting a sample in which the presence or activity of the bacterium is suspected with an oligonucleotide that hybridizes to a streptococcal polypeptide gene selected from emaA, emaB, emaC, emaD or emaE under conditions that allow specific hybridization of the oligonucleotide to the gene to occur; and (b) detecting whether hybridization has occurred between the oligonucleotide and the gene. The detection of hybridization indicates the presence or activity of the bacterium in the sample. ACTIVITY - Antibacterial. No biological data given. MECHANISM OF ACTION - Vaccine. No biological data given. USE - The streptococcal polypeptides are useful as vaccines, particularly for treating or preventing infections by virulent forms of streptococci. ADMINISTRATION - Administration may be parenteral (e.g. transmucosal, transdermal, intramuscular, intravenous or intradermal), oral or nasal. Dosage is 2.5-50 micrograms of total protein per dose. EXAMPLE - No relevant examples given. (177 pages)

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004332741 EMBASE  
TITLE: Serotype III **Streptococcus agalactiae** from bovine  
milk and human neonatal infections.  
AUTHOR: **Bohnsack J.F.**; **Whiting A.A.**; **Martinez G.**; **Jones N.**; **Adderson E.E.**; **Detrick S.**; **Blaschke-Bonkowsky A.J.**; **Bisharat N.**; **Gottschalk M.**  
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SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB **Streptococcus agalactiae (group B**  
streptococcus [GBS]) causes invasive human infections and bovine  
mastitis. This study examined the genetic relationship between bovine and  
human serotype III GBS by using molecular techniques that  
classify human serotype III GBS into four distinct phylogenetic  
lineages. Bovine serotype III GBS were largely contained in two  
lineages, which are distinct from the two major lineages (restriction  
digest types III-2 and III-3) that infect human neonates. One of the  
bovine lineages closely resembles the human III-1 lineage, whose members  
occasionally cause human neonatal infections. The bovine strains in the  
other lineage characteristically have an initiation factor IF2 gene (infB)  
H allele and multilocus sequence types that are not found in human  
GBS strains. Evidence suggests that this "H allele" lineage is  
related to the human III-3 lineage. These results support the assertion  
that human and bovine GBS are largely unrelated and provide  
further insight into the genetic relation between human and bovine  
GBS.

L7 ANSWER 2 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 1

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004300806 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 15150329  
TITLE: Equivalence of high-virulence clonotypes of serotype III  
group B **Streptococcus agalactiae**

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(GBS).  
 AUTHOR: Fleming Katherine E; Bohnsack John F; Palacios Geraldo C; Takahashi Shinji; Adderson Elisabeth E  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA.  
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AB Analysis of growth characteristics, multilocus enzyme electrophoresis, restriction digest pattern (RDP) typing and multilocus sequence typing have identified clonotypes of serotype III **group B Streptococcus agalactiae (GBS)** associated with invasive infection in neonates. This study sought to unify phenotypic and genotypic classifications of type III **GBS** strains associated with increased virulence in newborns. High-virulence clonotype (HVC) strains possessed the translation initiation factor 2 (infB) C allele, found in RDP type III-3 strains, and hybridized with the RDP type III-3-specific probe AA3.6, whereas non-HVC strains shared the infB A allele and genomic DNA from these strains did not hybridize with the AA3.6 probe. The characteristic growth lag of HVC **GBS** at 40 degrees C has been attributed to the presence of a heat-labile fructose-1,6-bisphosphate aldolase (Fba) enzyme in these strains. The deduced amino acid sequence of fba genes of both HVC and non-HVC strains, however, were identical. HVC and RDP type III-3 represent the same genetically related group of bacteria. The characteristic growth differences of virulent strains of type III **GBS**, however, are not directly attributable to differences in fba.

L7 ANSWER 3 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 2  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:955440 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:160238  
 TITLE: Subtractive hybridization identifies a novel predicted protein mediating epithelial cell invasion by virulent serotype III **group B Streptococcus agalactiae**  
 AUTHOR(S): Adderson, Elisabeth E.; Takahashi, Shinji; Wang, Yan; Armstrong, Jianling; Miller, Dylan V.; Bohnsack, John F.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, 38105, USA  
 SOURCE: Infection and Immunity (2003), 71(12), 6857-6863  
 CODEN: INFIBR; ISSN: 0019-9567  
 PUBLISHER: American Society for Microbiology  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB **Group B S. agalactiae** bacteria ( **group B streptococci [GBS]**) are the most common cause of serious bacterial infection in newborn infants. The majority of serotype III-related cases of neonatal disease are caused by a genetically related subgroup of bacteria, restriction fragment digest pattern (RDP) type III-3, suggesting that these strains possess unique genes contributing to virulence. We used genomic subtractive hybridization to identify regions of genomic DNA unique to virulent RDP type III-3 **GBS** strains. Within 1 of these III-3-specific regions is a 1,506-bp open reading frame, spb1 (surface protein of **group B streptococcus 1**). A mutant type III **GBS** strain lacking Spb1 was constructed in virulent RDP type III-3 strain 874391, and the interactions of the wild-type and spb1 isogenic mutant with a variety of epithelial cells important to **GBS** colonization and infection were compared. While adherence of the spb1 isogenic mutant to A549 respiratory, C2Bbel colonic, and HeLa cervical epithelial cells was slightly lower than that of the 874391 strain, invasion of the Spb1-mutant was significantly reduced with these cell lines compared to what was seen with 874391. The defect in epithelial invasion was corrected by supplying spb1 in trans. These observations suggest that Spb1 contributes to the pathogenesis of neonatal **GBS** infection by mediating internalization of virulent serotype III **GBS** and confirm that understanding of the population structure of bacteria may lead to insights into the pathogenesis of human infections.

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L7 ANSWER 4 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 3  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003294851 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12791877  
 TITLE: Multilocus sequence typing system for **group B streptococcus**.  
 AUTHOR: Jones Nicola; Bohnsack John F; Takahashi Shinji; Oliver Karen A; Chan Man-Suen; Kunst Frank; Glaser Philippe; Rusniok Christophe; Crook Derrick W M; Harding Rosalind M; Bisharat Naiel; Spratt Brian G  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Nuffield Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Institute for Molecular Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU, United Kingdom.. nicola.jones@ndcls.ox.ac.uk  
 SOURCE: Journal of clinical microbiology, (2003 Jun) 41 (6) 2530-6. Journal code: 7505564. ISSN: 0095-1137.  
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 DOCUMENT TYPE: (EVALUATION STUDIES)  
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 AB A multilocus sequence typing (MLST) system was developed for **group B streptococcus (GBS)**. The system was used to characterize a collection (n = 152) of globally and ecologically diverse human strains of **GBS** that included representatives of capsular

serotypes Ia, Ib, II, III, V, VI, and VIII. Fragments (459 to 519 bp) of seven housekeeping genes were amplified by PCR for each strain and sequenced. The combination of alleles at the seven loci provided an allelic profile or sequence type (ST) for each strain. A subset of the strains were characterized by restriction digest patterning, and these results were highly congruent with those obtained with MLST. There were 29 STs, but 66% of isolates were assigned to four major STs. ST-1 and ST-19 were significantly associated with asymptomatic carriage, whereas ST-23 included both carried and invasive strains. All 44 isolates of ST-17 were serotype III clones, and this ST appeared to define a homogeneous clone that was strongly associated with neonatal invasive infections. The finding that isolates with different capsular serotypes had the same ST suggests that recombination occurs at the capsular locus. A web site for GBS MLST was set up and can be accessed at <http://sagalactiae.mlst.net>. The GBS MLST system offers investigators a valuable typing tool that will promote further investigation of the population biology of this organism.

L7 ANSWER 5 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 4  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003450636 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 14513426  
 TITLE: Beta-hemolysin-independent induction of apoptosis of macrophages infected with serotype III group B streptococcus.  
 AUTHOR: Ulett Glen C; Bohnsack John F; Armstrong Jianling; Adderson Elisabeth E  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: R01 A140918  
 SOURCE: Journal of infectious diseases, (2003 Oct 1) 188 (7) 1049-53.  
 Journal code: 0413675. ISSN: 0022-1899.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
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AB **Group B streptococcus (GBS) induces apoptosis in macrophages. Growth conditions minimizing beta-hemolysin expression, such as high glucose, reduce apoptosis. We constructed an isogenic mutant strain of GBS 874391 lacking the beta-hemolysin structural gene cylE and investigated the role that beta-hemolysin plays in apoptosis of J774 macrophages. Viability of macrophages infected with wild-type or cylE GBS was similar and significantly less than that of macrophages infected with GBS grown in high-glucose media. Thus, apoptosis in GBS-infected macrophages is dependent not on beta-hemolysin but on a factor coregulated with beta-hemolysin by glucose.**

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:260758 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200300260758

TITLE: Fibronectin-binding proteins of group B  
 Streptococcus agalactiae (GBS).  
 AUTHOR(S): Adderson, Elisabeth E. [Reprint Author]; Wang,  
 Yan; Armstrong, Jianling; Bohnsack, John F.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,  
 Memphis, TN, USA  
 SOURCE: Pediatric Research, (April 2003) Vol. 53, No. 4 Part 2, pp.  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003050406 EMBASE  
 TITLE: A novel streptococcal surface protease promotes virulence,  
 resistance to opsonophagocytosis, and cleavage of human  
 fibrinogen.  
 AUTHOR: Harris T.O.; Shelver D.W.; Bohnsack J.F.; Rubens  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
 SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB **Group B streptococcus (GBS)** is an important  
 human pathogen. In this study, we sought to identify mechanisms that may  
 protect **GBS** from host defenses in addition to its capsular  
 polysaccharide. A gene encoding a cell-surface-associated protein (*cspA*)  
 was characterized from a highly virulent type III **GBS** isolate,  
 COH1. Its sequence indicated that it is a subtilisin-like extracellular  
 serine protease homologous to streptococcal C5a peptidases and caseinases  
 of lactic acid bacteria. The wild-type strain cleaved the  $\alpha$  chain of  
 human fibrinogen, whereas a *cspA* mutant, TOH121, was unable to cleave  
 fibrinogen. We observed aggregated material when COH1 was incubated with  
 fibrinogen but not when the mutant strain was treated similarly. This  
 suggested that the product(s) of fibrinogen cleavage have strong adhesive  
 properties and may be similar to fibrin. The *cspA* gene was present among  
 representative clinical isolates from all nine capsular serotypes, as  
 revealed by Southern blotting. A *cspA*(-) mutant was ten times less  
 virulent in a neonatal rat sepsis model of **GBS** infections, as  
 measured by LD(50) analysis. In addition, the *cspA*(-) mutant was  
 significantly more sensitive than the wild-type strain to opsonophagocytic  
 killing by human neutrophils *in vitro*. Taken together, the results suggest  
 that cleavage of fibrinogen by CspA may increase the lethality of

GBS infection, potentially by protecting the bacterium from opsonophagocytic killing.

L7 ANSWER 8 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 5  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:123056 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 136:162383  
 TITLE: **Group B Streptococcus**  
 extracellular matrix adhesion polypeptides and nucleic acids and their therapeutic compositions and vaccines  
 INVENTOR(S): **Adderson, Elisabeth; Bohnsack, John**  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA; University of Utah Research Foundation  
 SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 177 pp.  
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AB This invention provides isolated nucleic acids encoding polypeptides comprising amino acid sequences of streptococcal matrix adhesion (Ema) polypeptides. The invention provides nucleic acids encoding **Streptococcus agalactiae** Ema polypeptides EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD and EmaE. The present invention provides isolated polypeptides comprising amino acid sequences of **Group B** streptococcal polypeptides EmaA, EmaB, EmaC, EmaD and EmaE, including analogs, variants, mutants, derivs. and fragments thereof. Ema homologous polypeptides from addnl. bacterial species, including *S. pneumoniae*, *S. pyogenes*, *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* are also provided. Antibodies to the Ema polypeptides and immunogenic fragments thereof are also provided. The present invention relates to the identification and prevention of infections by virulent forms of streptococci. This invention provides pharmaceutical compns., immunogenic compns., vaccines, and diagnostic and therapeutic methods of use of the isolated polypeptides, antibodies thereto, and nucleic acids. Assays for compds. which modulate the polypeptides of the present invention for use in therapy are also

provided.

L7 ANSWER 9 OF 32 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 6  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:825436 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 138:148468  
 TITLE: Correlation of phylogenetic lineages of group B Streptococci, identified by analysis of restriction-digestion patterns of genomic DNA, with infB alleles and mobile genetic elements  
 AUTHOR(S): Takahashi, Shinji; Detrick, Shauna; Whiting, April A.; Blaschke-Bonkowsky, Anne J.; Aoyagi, Youko; Adderson, Elisabeth E.; Bohnsack, John F.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Microbiology, Joshi-Eiyoh University, Chiyoda, Sakado, Saitama, Japan  
 SOURCE: Journal of Infectious Diseases (2002), 186(7), 1034-1038  
 CODEN: JIDIAQ; ISSN: 0022-1899  
 PUBLISHER: University of Chicago Press  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Phylogenetic lineages of pathogenic *Streptococcus agalactiae* (group B streptococci [GBS]) can be identified by anal. of restriction-digestion patterns (RDPs) of chromosomal DNA. The purpose of the present study was to correlate GBS RDP types and (1) alleles of the highly conserved gene encoding translation-initiation factor IF2, infB, and/or (2) the inserted elements IS1548 and GBS1. Only 1 combination of serotype and infB allele was found within each RDP type. Strains within a particular RDP type also tend to have the same inserted elements in each of 3 loci examined. A novel insertion sequence, designated "IS1563," was found within all RDP type II-2 strains. Most RDP types could be identified by a combination of serotype, infB allele, and inserted elements at each of the loci. These mol. markers can be used to identify GBS populations and to correlate RDP types and phylogenetic lineages identified by different methods.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:936240 CAPLUS  
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 TITLE: Long-range mapping of the *Streptococcus agalactiae* phylogenetic lineage restriction digest pattern type III-3 reveals clustering of virulence genes  
 AUTHOR(S): Bohnsack, John F.; Whiting, April A.; Bradford, Russell D.; Van Frank, Brenna K.; Takahashi, Shinji; Adderson, Elisabeth E.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City, UT, 84132, USA  
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 CODEN: INFIBR; ISSN: 0019-9567  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Human isolates of serotype III *S. agalactiae* (group

**B** streptococcus [GBS]) can be divided into 3 sep. phylogenetic lineages based on anal. of the restriction digest patterns (RDPs) of chromosomal DNA. Nine DNA sequences that are present in all isolates of the RDP III-3 phylogenetic lineage, but not in the other lineages, were identified by genomic subtractive hybridization. A complete phys. map of a III-3 chromosome was constructed. Six of the 9 III-3-specific sequences mapped to a 340-kb Sse8387I fragment which contains or is located close to known **GBS** virulence genes. One of the III-3-specific probes, AW-10, encodes part of GBSil, a group II intron that is inserted at 2 sites within the **GBS** genome. The 2nd chromosomal site for GBSil was isolated, sequenced, and mapped to a location near the locus responsible for hemolysin production. These findings suggest that the genetic variation that distinguishes the RDP type III-3 strains from other serotype III strains occurs largely within localized areas of the genome containing known or putative virulence genes.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:584955 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200200584955  
 TITLE: The role of **group B** streptococcal hemolysin in host cell death.  
 AUTHOR(S): Ulett, G. C. [Reprint author]; Bohnsack, J. F.; Armstrong, J. L. [Reprint author]; Adderson, E. E. [Reprint author]  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA  
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AB Background: Alveolar macrophages are an important early defense mechanism against respiratory pathogens. *Streptococcus agalactiae* (GBS) has recently been shown to survive inside macrophages for prolonged periods following nonopsonic phagocytosis and to induce macrophage apoptosis. Conditions used to block expression of and inhibit activity of b-hemolysin reduced macrophage apoptosis, suggesting a role for this virulence factor in host cell death (J Immunol 2000 165:3923). To clarify the role of b-hemolysin in macrophage invasion, intracellular survival and apoptosis, we compared an isogenic b-hemolysin deficient mutant of serotype III strain 874391 to the WT strain. Methods: The b-hemolysin deficient isogenic mutant was created by insertional deletion of the cylE gene by homologous recombination. J774 macrophages were infected at a ratio of 100 bacteria per Mf for 2 h, followed by killing of extracellular bacteria with penicillin and gentamicin. Intracellular survival of **GBS** was assessed by colony counts, and macrophage survival was determined by trypan blue exclusion. Detection of DNA fragmentation and TUNEL staining was used to assess apoptosis. Results:

Following the infection period, similar numbers of the b-hemolysin deficient mutant were recovered from macrophages when compared to the WT strain (5X106 CFU per 5X105 Mf). Viable intracellular GBS were detected for 72 h, and there was no significant difference in the survival kinetics of the b-hemolysin deficient mutant when compared to the WT strain. Apoptosis of macrophages was first detected at 48 h in macrophages infected with both the b-hemolysin deficient mutant or the WT strain. By 96 h, 75% of macrophages infected with both the b-hemolysin deficient mutant or the WT strain were non-viable. Conclusions: Apoptosis induced by GBS may contribute to a defective inflammatory response during GBS infection by manipulating macrophage cell death pathways. In serotype III GBS, b-hemolysin does not affect nonopsonic phagocytosis by macrophages or intracellular survival of bacteria, and does not appear to contribute to the induction of apoptosis in macrophages.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001187087 EMBASE  
 TITLE: Phylogenetic classification of serotype III **group B** streptococci on the basis of *hylB* gene analysis and DNA sequences specific to restriction digest pattern type III-3.  
 AUTHOR: Bohnsack J.F.; Takahashi S.; Detrick S.R.; Pelinka L.R.; Hammitt L.L.; Aly A.A.; Whiting A.A.; Adderson E.E.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Dr. J.F. Bohnsack, Dept. of Pediatrics, Univ. of Utah Health Sciences Center, 50 North Medical Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84132, United States. john.bohnsack@hsc.utah.edu  
 SOURCE: Journal of Infectious Diseases, (1 Jun 2001) 183/11 (1694-1697).  
 Refs: 15  
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 COUNTRY: United States  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
 SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Previous work divided serotype III **group B** streptococci (GBS) into 3 major phylogenetic lineages (III-1, III-2, and III-3) on the basis of bacterial DNA restriction digest patterns (RDPs). Most neonatal invasive disease was caused by III-3 strains, which implies that III-3 strains are more virulent than III-2 or III-1 strains. In the current studies, all RDP III-3 and III-1 strains expressed hyaluronate lysase activity; however, all III-2 strains lack hyaluronate lysase activity, because the gene that encodes hyaluronate lysase, *hylB*, is inactivated by IS1548. Subtractive hybridization was used to identify 9 short DNA sequences that are present in all the III-3 strains but not in any of the III-2 or III-1 strains. With 1 exception, these III-3-specific sequences were not detected in nonserotype III GBS. These data further validate the RDP-based subclassification of GBS and suggest that lineage-specific genes will be identified, which account for the differences in virulence among the lineages.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:911278 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 134:70361  
 TITLE: Isolated spb1 and spb2 genes from virulent  
 Group B Streptococcus  
 agalactiae and their uses as vaccines and for  
 diagnosis  
 INVENTOR(S): Adderson, Elisabeth; Bohnsack, John  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): University of Utah Research Foundation, USA  
 SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 34 pp.  
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 AB The present invention relates to the identification and prevention of infections by virulent forms of **Group B** streptococci. Disclosed herein is the identification of two genes, spb1 and spb2, that are specific to virulent type III-3 **GBS**. Also disclosed herein are diagnostic methods for detecting virulent **GBS** infections and methods of immunizing a mammal against these bacteria.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:603704 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 134:96041  
 TITLE: Genetic polymorphisms of **group B** streptococcus scpB alter functional activity of a cell-associated peptidase that inactivates C5a  
 AUTHOR(S): Bohnsack, John F.; Takahashi, Shinji; Hammitt, Laura; Miller, Dylan V.; Aly, Adrienne A.; Adderson, Elisabeth E.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Departments of Pediatrics and Pathology, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT, 84132, USA  
 SOURCE: Infection and Immunity (2000), 68(9), 5018-5025  
 CODEN: INFIBR; ISSN: 0019-9567  
 PUBLISHER: American Society for Microbiology  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English

AB Many **group B** *Streptococcus agalactiae* strains and other pathogenic streptococci express a cell-associated peptidase that inactivates C5a (C5a-ase), the major neutrophil chemoattractant produced by activation of the complement cascade. Type III **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) can be classified genotypically into three restriction digest pattern types. Functional C5a-ase activity of **GBS** correlates with this genetic typing; therefore, we sought to identify a genetic basis for this phenomenon. Southern hybridization confirms that all type III **GBS** contain *scpB*, the gene encoding **GBS** C5a-ase. **GBS** strains with high C5a-ase functional activity and those with no or very low activity both express immunoreactive C5a-ase. The *scpB* sequence of strain I30, which has high C5a-ase activity, is 98.2% homologous to the previously reported serotype II **GBS** *scpB* sequence. The *scpB* sequences of strains I25 and GW, which have low or no C5a-ase activity, are identical. The predicted I25 and GW C5a-ase proteins share a four-amino-acid deletion affecting the protease histidine active-site consensus motif. Recombinant I30 C5a-ase has good functional activity, whereas recombinant I25 C5a-ase has low activity. These data demonstrate that functional C5a-ase differences between type III **GBS** strains are attributable to a genetic polymorphism of *scpB*. The ubiquitous expression of C5a-ase, irresp. of functional activity, suggests that C5a-ase may have a second, as yet unidentified, function.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000269137 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10811000  
 TITLE: Induction of cyclooxygenase-2 by human monocytes exposed to **group B** streptococci.  
 AUTHOR: Maloney C G; Thompson S D; Hill H R; Bohnsack J F  
          ; McIntyre T M; Zimmerman G A  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City 84132, USA..  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
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 SOURCE: Journal of leukocyte biology, (2000 May) 67 (5) 615-21.  
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AB **Group B** streptococcal (**GBS**) infections are associated with high morbidity and mortality. The molecular pathways mediating the pathophysiological events in **GBS** infection are not fully delineated. Cyclooxygenases (COX) are the enzymes that convert arachidonate to active eicosanoids. To identify the effects of **GBS** on eicosanoid metabolism and regulatory mechanisms, we exposed human monocytes to **GBS** and found that they secreted

prostaglandin E2, prostacyclin, and thromboxane A2. Exposure to **GBS** caused monocytes to express COX-2 mRNA and protein in both a time- and concentration-dependent manner that correlated with eicosanoid production. COX-1 protein was unchanged. Addition of the anti-inflammatory cytokines interleukin (IL)-4 or IL-10 markedly attenuated **GBS**-induced COX-2 protein accumulation after **GBS** exposure, as did inhibition of p38 MAPK. Our experiments are the first to show that exposure of monocytes to a gram-positive bacterium (**GBS**) results in induction of functional COX-2, suggesting that eicosanoids may play important roles in the pathogenesis of **GBS** infections.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:668026 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 133:348748  
 TITLE: Bacterial Genetics and Human Immunity to **Group B Streptococci**  
 AUTHOR(S): Adderson, Elisabeth E.; Takahashi, Shinji; Bohnsack, John F.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, 38105, USA  
 SOURCE: Molecular Genetics and Metabolism (2000), 71(1/2), 451-454  
 CODEN: MGMEFF; ISSN: 1096-7192  
 PUBLISHER: Academic Press  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB A review with 17 refs. Serotype III **group B Streptococcus agalactiae** (**GBS**) are the most common cause of neonatal sepsis and meningitis. We have classified type III **GBS** by restriction digest patterns of chromosomal DNA and demonstrated that a subgroup of genetically related strains (RDP type III-3) causes the majority of type III **GBS** neonatal infection. Genetic differences between type III **GBS** strains contribute significantly to differences in virulence and host immune responses. While 100% of less virulent RDP type III-1 and III-2 organisms express C5a-ase, an inhibitor of neutrophil chemotaxis, only 63% of virulent RDP type III-3 isolates have functional C5a-ase. Functional differences in type III **GBS** C5a-ase are attributable to a shared genetic polymorphism, supporting our genetic classification. The mean capsular sialic acid content of virulent RDP type III-3 strains is significantly higher than that of less virulent strains, suggesting that capsular sialylation is also genetically regulated. C5a-ase is not critical for all RDP type III-3 strains to be invasive because the higher capsular sialic acid content of III-3 strains limits complement activation. The identification of these and addnl. genetic differences between **GBS** strains has important implications for our understanding of the pathogenesis of these important human infections. (c) 2000 Academic Press.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:528731 BIOSIS  
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TITLE: Type I GBS directly activate human complement to produce more C5a than do type III GBS.  
 AUTHOR(S): Woods, J. S. [Reprint author]; Adderson, E. E. [Reprint author]; Bohnsack, J. F. [Reprint author]  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City, UT, 84132, USA  
 SOURCE: Journal of Investigative Medicine, (January, 2000) Vol. 48, No. 1, pp. 44A. print.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999185013 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10085029  
 TITLE: Capsular sialic acid limits C5a production on type III group B streptococci.  
 AUTHOR: Takahashi S; Aoyagi Y; Adderson E E; Okuwaki Y; Bohnsack J F  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Microbiology, Joshi-Eiyoh University, Sakado, Saitama, 350-0088, Japan.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
 AI-40918 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: Infection and immunity, (1999 Apr) 67 (4) 1866-70.  
 Journal code: 0246127. ISSN: 0019-9567.  
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AB The majority of type III group B streptococcus (GBS) human neonatal infections are caused by a genetically related subgroup called III-3. We have proposed that a bacterial enzyme, C5a-ase, contributes to the pathogenesis of neonatal infections with GBS by rapidly inactivating C5a, a potent pro-inflammatory molecule, but many III-3 strains do not express C5a-ase. The amount of C5a produced in serum following incubation with representative type III strains was quantitated in order to better understand the relationship between C5a production and C5a-ase expression. C5a production following incubation of bacteria with serum depleted of antibody to the bacterial surface was inversely proportional to the sialic acid content of the bacterial capsule, with the more heavily sialylated III-3 strains generating less C5a than the less-virulent, less-sialylated III-2 strains. The amount of C5a produced correlated significantly with C3 deposition on each bacterial strain. Repletion with type-specific antibody caused increased C3b deposition and C5a production through alternative pathway activation, but C5a was

functionally inactivated by strains that expressed C5a-ase. The increased virulence of III-3 strains compared to that of III-2 strains results at least partially from the higher sialic acid content of III-3 strains, which inhibits both opsonophagocytic killing and C5a production in the absence of type-specific antibody. We propose that C5a-ase is not necessary for III-3 strains to cause invasive disease because the high sialic acid content of III-3 strains inhibits C5a production.

L7 ANSWER 19 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 12  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998194619 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9534996  
 TITLE: Identification of a highly encapsulated, genetically related group of invasive type III **group B** streptococci.  
 AUTHOR: Takahashi S; Adderson E E; Nagano Y; Nagano N; Briesacher M R; Bohnsack J F  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Microbiology, Joshi-Eiyoh University, Sakado, Japan.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: Journal of infectious diseases, (1998 Apr) 177 (4) 1116-9.  
 Journal code: 0413675. ISSN: 0022-1899.  
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AB Type III **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) isolated from Tokyo and Salt Lake City were classified according to the similarity of HindIII and Sse83871 restriction digest patterns (RDPs) of bacterial DNA. The bacteria were clustered into three RDP types, with excellent correlation between subtyping based on the two enzymes. The majority (91%) of invasive isolates obtained from neonates were RDP type III-3. The mean sialic acid content of the III-3 strains was higher than that of other type III strains. Closely related isolates were concordant for expression of the bacterial enzyme C5a-ase, but invasive strains were no more likely to be C5a-ase positive than were strains isolated from the genitourinary tract of pregnant women. These data indicate that a group of genetically related organisms with increased capsule production causes the majority of invasive type III **GBS** disease.

L7 ANSWER 20 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 13  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 97240680 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9086140  
 TITLE: A role for C5 and C5a-ase in the acute neutrophil response to **group B** streptococcal infections.  
 AUTHOR: Bohnsack J F; Widjaja K; Ghazizadeh S; Rubens C E; Hillyard D R; Parker C J; Albertine K H; Hill H R  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City 84132, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: Journal of infectious diseases, (1997 Apr) 175 (4) 847-55.  
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AB Congenic C5-deficient and C5-sufficient mice were infected with **group B streptococci (GBS)** to determine if the polymorphonuclear leukocyte (PMNL) chemoattractant C5a contributes to PMNL recruitment in **GBS** infection and if **GBS** C5a-ase reduces C5a-induced PMNL recruitment in vivo. PMNL accumulation was greater in the peritoneum and air spaces of C5-sufficient mice than in C5-deficient mice. Administration of human C5 to C5-deficient mice caused a significant increase in PMNL recruitment following infection with C5a-ase-negative **GBS**. **GBS** C5a-ase did not reduce PMNL accumulation in C5-sufficient mice but reduced PMNL recruitment in C5-deficient mice reconstituted with human C5. These data indicate that C5a is important for rapid PMNL recruitment to sites of **GBS** infection and that **GBS** C5a-ase inactivates human, but not murine, C5a in vivo. Reduction of the acute inflammatory response by C5a-ase likely contributes to **GBS** virulence in human neonates.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95270302 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 7751028  
 TITLE: Effects of fibronectin and **group B** streptococci on tumour necrosis factor-alpha production by human culture-derived macrophages.  
 AUTHOR: Peat E B; Augustine N H; Drummond W K; Bohnsack J F  
 ; Hill H R  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology, University of Utah, School of  
 Medicine, Salt Lake City 84132, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
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AB **Group B** streptococci (**GBS**) are an important cause of sepsis and shock in the new-born. We have previously reported that **GBS** induce the production of tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-alpha) by human monocytes and culture-derived macrophages. We have also shown that fibronectin (FN) promotes interaction between **GBS** and human phagocytes. In the present study, we investigated the effect of FN and **GBS** on the production of TNF-alpha by adult and neonatal culture-derived macrophages. We report that soluble FN alone was a strong stimulus for the production of TNF-alpha by culture-derived macrophages (FN 50 micrograms/ml = 623.33 +/- 47 pg/ml TNF, versus media alone 3 +/- 1.5 pg/ml; P < 0.0001). While **GBS** also induce the production of

TNF-alpha by macrophages, the addition of FN to **GBS** had more than an additive effect on TNF-alpha levels. FN-mediated TNF-alpha production by macrophages was inhibited by both soluble arginine-glycine-aspartic acid (RGD) peptide (71%;  $P < 0.0001$ ) and anti-beta 3-integrin monoclonal antibody 7G2 (54%;  $P < 0.0001$ ). Neonatal culture-derived macrophages produced significantly more TNF-alpha in response to **GBS** (356.4 pg/ml +/- 27.7) than adult cells did (222.0 pg/ml +/- 21.0;  $P = 0.037$ ), and dramatically more in response to FN alone (neonatal 1931.0 pg/ml +/- 23.0 versus adult 463.5 43.5 pg/ml;  $P < 0.0001$ ). FN may contribute to the high levels of TNF-alpha production implicated in the pathophysiology of **GBS** sepsis and shock.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 93273479 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 8388860  
 TITLE: Mechanism of fibronectin enhancement of **group B** streptococcal phagocytosis by human neutrophils and culture-derived macrophages.  
 AUTHOR: Hill H R; Augustine N H; Williams P A; Brown E J;  
 Bohnsack J F  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology and Pediatrics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City 84132.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
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 SOURCE: Infection and immunity, (1993 Jun) 61 (6) 2334-9.  
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AB In previous studies, we reported that fibronectin (FN) markedly enhances phagocytic uptake of antibody-coated **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) by human polymorphonuclear leukocytes. Furthermore, administration of FN along with a **GBS** type-specific monoclonal or polyclonal antibody to infected neonatal rats significantly enhances survival. In this study, we have examined the molecular mechanism of this enhancement through phagocyte receptors which recognize the Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) peptide sequences contained within the FN molecule. Incubation of human polymorphonuclear leukocytes or culture-derived macrophages on coverslips coated with GRGDSP but not GRGESP markedly enhanced uptake of immunoglobulin G-coated **GBS**. The enhancing effect of the RGD-containing peptides was blocked by monoclonal antibodies B6H12 (directed against the integrin-associated protein) and 7G2 (directed against the beta 3-integrin receptor for RGD). These data suggest that FN enhancement of antibody-coated **GBS** uptake is mediated by the critical RGD sequence. Furthermore, this active peptide sequence may have an important role in immunotherapy of bacterial infections, especially in patients with decreased plasma FN concentrations.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 93202747 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 8454345  
 TITLE: Restricted ability of **group B** streptococcal C5a-ase to inactivate C5a prepared from different animal species.  
 AUTHOR: **Bohnsack J F; Chang J K; Hill H R**  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City 84132.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-13150 (NIAID)  
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 SOURCE: Infection and immunity, (1993 Apr) 61 (4) 1421-6.  
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**AB** Most strains of **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) elaborate a cell surface-associated enzyme that rapidly inactivates the human complement-derived chemoattractants C5a and C5adesarg by cleaving the His-Lys bond at positions 67 and 68 in the C5a molecule. We have suggested that rapid inactivation of C5a and C5adesarg by this enzyme, called C5a-ase, can hinder the inflammatory response at sites of **GBS** infection. We tested the ability of **GBS** C5a-ase to inactivate C5a preparations from various animal species to determine the proper species for studying the role of **GBS** C5a-ase in the pathogenesis of **GBS** infections. Exposure of C5a preparations from humans, monkeys, and cows to **GBS** caused inhibition of C5a functional activity as measured by the ability of C5a to stimulate human polymorphonuclear leukocyte (PMN) adherence and human PMN chemotaxis. Bovine PMN chemotaxis to bovine C5a was also abolished after exposure of bovine C5a to **GBS**. In contrast, mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit, pig, and sheep C5a preparations retained full functional activity after exposure to **GBS** as measured by chemotaxis of human PMNs, PMNs from the same animal species, or both. These data suggest that there are structural differences between C5a proteins from different species which alter their susceptibility to **GBS** C5a-ase and indicate that most commonly used animal models of human **GBS** infection are inadequate for detection of a contribution of **GBS** C5a-ase to **GBS** virulence.

L7 ANSWER 24 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 17  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 93347077 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 8345430  
 TITLE: Production of tumor necrosis factor by human cells in vitro and in vivo, induced by **group B** streptococci.  
 AUTHOR: Williams P A; **Bohnsack J F; Augustine N H; Drummond W K; Rubens C E; Hill H R**  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City 84132.  
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AB Tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF alpha) has been implicated as one of the major mediators of the gram-negative septic shock syndrome. In our studies, **group B streptococci (GBS)** induced the production of TNF alpha by human mononuclear cells in a dose- and time-dependent manner. Human mixed mononuclear cell cultures exposed to an encapsulated (657.6 +/- 71.3 pg/ml; n = 30 preparations) or an unencapsulated transposon mutant of type III **GBS** (755.8 +/- 54.7 pg/ml; n = 9) produced similar amounts of TNF alpha. Isolated monocytes and culture-derived macrophages produced higher amounts of TNF alpha (1565 +/- 211 and 1790 +/- 928 pg/ml respectively) in response to **GBS** than did mixed mononuclear cell cultures. In response to **GBS**, mixed mononuclear cells from neonates produced significantly more TNF alpha (729.1 +/- 45 vs 520.3 +/- 47.2 pg/ml; p = 0.004) than did cells from adults. Examination of specimens from patients with neonatal **GBS** disease revealed detectable levels of TNF alpha (7 to 424 pg/ml) in the serum of 5 of 10 patients with sepsis, in 5 of 5 urine samples from infants with sepsis, and in the cerebrospinal fluid of 1 patient with meningitis. These results suggest both a major role for TNF alpha in the pathogenesis of human neonatal **GBS** sepsis and shock and a potential role for immunotherapy directed against this cytokine in this fulminant neonatal bacterial infection.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 92176652 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 1541826  
 TITLE: Comparison of the opsonic and complement triggering activity of human monoclonal IgG1 and IgM antibody against **group B streptococci**.  
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AB We have compared the opsonic and complement-triggering activity of transfectoma-derived, class-switched human IgG1 and IgM mAb (HumAb) against types Ia, II and III **group B** streptococci (GBS). These antibodies appear to be directed against the common **group B** cell wall Ag of these organisms. The HumAb IgM promotes uptake of type Ia and II GBS at concentrations as low as 37 ng/ml and type III GBS at concentrations of 150 ng/ml in the presence of human neonatal complement. In contrast, the IgG1 GBS HumAb showed no detectable opsonic activity in concentrations up to 600 ng/ml. When the concentration of HumAb IgG1 is raised to 2.5 micrograms/ml, significant opsonic activity against GBS is detected and when the concentration is approximately 40 micrograms/ml, the opsonic activity peaked at a slightly higher level than that with the HumAb IgM. Thus, approximately 100- fold higher concentrations of the IgG1 than the IgM HumAb are required for optimal opsonization. The opsonic activity of the IgM and IgG1 HumAb are closely related to their ability to consume complement and deposit C3 on the surface of type Ia, II, and III GBS ( $r = 0.959$ ). We believe that the marked opsonic and protective activity of the IgM GBS HumAb is due to its enhanced avidity and ability to trigger the complement system. Further studies are indicated to determine the feasibility of employing human IgM antibody preparations in the immunotherapy of neonatal GBS disease.

L7 ANSWER 26 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 19  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 92113338 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 1730898  
 TITLE: Bacterial evasion of the antibody response: human IgG antibodies neutralize soluble but not bacteria-associated **group B** streptococcal C5a-ase.  
 AUTHOR: Bohnsack J F; Zhou X N; Gustin J N; Rubens C E;  
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AB Most strains of **group B** streptococci (GBS) possess an enzyme that inactivates the human anaphylatoxin C5a by cleaving a heptapeptide from the carboxyl terminus of C5a. This enzyme, called GBS C5a-ase, has been purified to homogeneity and cleaves and inactivates C5a in physiologic buffer. The enzymatic activity of soluble C5a-ase is completely inhibited, however, in the presence of plasma or serum from normal human adults. The neutralization of soluble C5a-ase by plasma and serum results largely from naturally occurring IgG antibodies

directed against C5a-ase. IgG does not neutralize C5a-ase present on intact encapsulated type III **GBS** but does neutralize the C5a-ase activity associated with a transposon-induced mutant strain of type III **GBS** that lacks capsule. The location of **GBS** C5a-ase on the surface of encapsulated type III **GBS** permits the C5a-ase to inactivate C5a while evading neutralization by IgG antibodies.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 91144547 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 1996961  
 TITLE: **Group B** streptococci inactivate complement component C5a by enzymic cleavage at the C-terminus.  
 AUTHOR: Bohnsack J F; Mollison K W; Buko A M; Ashworth J C; Hill H R  
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 AB Incubation of recombinant human C5a (rC5a) with the 7360 strain of **group B** streptococci (**GBS**) destroyed the ability of rC5a to stimulate chemotaxis or adherence of purified human polymorphonuclear leucocytes (PMNs). Treatment of 125I-labelled rC5a with **GBS** 7360 correspondingly decreased rC5a binding to human PMNs. This also resulted in an approx. 600 Da decrease in the molecular mass of rC5a as determined by SDS/PAGE. Incubation of rC5a with the **GBS** strain GW, which only minimally altered the ability of rC5a to activate human PMNs, did not affect rC5a binding to PMNs and did not alter the molecular mass of rC5a on SDS/PAGE. Plasma-desorption m.s. of rC5a inactivated by **GBS** 7360 showed that the **GBS** cleaved the rC5a between histidine-67 and lysine-68 near the C-terminus of rC5a. This mechanism of inactivation of C5a by proteolytic cleavage at the C-terminus of C5a is consistent with the known critical role of the C-terminus in C5a activation of human PMNs. This C5a-cleaving proteinase activity may contribute to the pathophysiology of **GBS** infections.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 92002137 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 1911845  
 TITLE: Purification of the proteinase from **group B** streptococci that inactivates human C5a.  
 AUTHOR: Bohnsack J F; Zhou X N; Williams P A; Cleary P P; Parker C J; Hill H R  
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222-8.

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AB We previously reported that **group B streptococci** (**GBS**) possess a cell-associated activity that inactivates the chemotactic activity generated in zymosan-activated serum by cleaving a specific site within the carboxy termini of C5a and C5adesarg. This inactivates the major chemoattractants for neutrophils that are generated when serum complement is activated. We now report the isolation of the enzyme responsible for the proteolytic cleavage of C5a. Treatment of **GBS** with mutanolysin, an endo-N-acetyl muramidase, released activity from **GBS** which destroyed the functional activity of C5a. The soluble activity was purified to homogeneity by hydroxyapatite, ion-exchange and gel-filtration chromatography. Analysis by SDS-PAGE showed that the enzyme (**GBS** C5a-ase) has an Mr of approx. 120,000. The **GBS** C5a-ase appears to be a serine esterase on the basis of its sensitivity to di-isopropyl fluorophosphate. This enzyme is distinct from the C5a-cleaving enzyme produced by **group A streptococci**, since the two bacterial products migrate differently on SDS-PAGE, and lack antigenic cross reactivity. This enzyme may play a role in the pathogenesis of **group B streptococcal** disease through its ability to rapidly inactivate the potent neutrophil agonist, C5a, at sites of infection.

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TITLE: Effect of fibronectin on IgA-mediated uptake of type III  
**group B streptococci** by phagocytes.

AUTHOR: Yang K D; Bohnsack J F; Hawley M M; Augustine N  
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AB Previous studies have shown that a type-specific IgA monoclonal antibody alone or in combination with fibronectin (Fn) enhances protective efficacy in two animal models of **group B streptococcal** infection. To investigate the mechanisms by which IgA mediates protection, the effects of Fn on phagocytosis of **group B streptococci (GBS)** opsonized with a type III-specific IgA monoclonal antibody were examined. Specific IgA alone or in combination with Fn did not promote the phagocytosis of **GBS** by polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNL). Fibronectin also had no significant effect on phagocytosis of IgA-opsonized **GBS** by monocytes. Specific IgA alone promoted phagocytosis of **GBS** by culture-derived macrophages in a dose-dependent fashion. Fibronectin enhanced macrophage uptake of the **GBS** opsonized in a suboptimal concentration of specific IgA (phagocytic index =  $2.32 \pm 0.56$  vs.  $3.26 \pm 0.48$  with Fn;  $P$  less than .05). These data suggest that protection against **GBS** in neonatal rats by a combination of Fn and specific IgA is mediated by macrophages rather than by PMNL or monocytes. Fibronectin may have a critical role in host defense at sites where IgA and macrophages predominate.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 90038491 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 2681414  
 TITLE: An IgA monoclonal antibody directed against type III antigen on **group B streptococci** acts as an opsonin.  
 AUTHOR: Bohnsack J F; Hawley M M; Pritchard D G; Egan M L; Shigeoka A O; Yang K D; Hill H R  
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AB We have investigated the mechanisms by which a murine IgA mAb directed against the type III Ag (IgA anti-III mAb) of **group B streptococci (GBS)** protects neonatal rats from lethal infection with these organisms. Purified IgA anti-III mAb enhanced phagocytosis of type III **GBS** by rat peritoneal macrophages in vitro by fourfold compared with phagocytosis of buffer-treated **GBS**. In the absence of antibody, neonatal rat serum did not promote phagocytosis, but addition of neonatal rat serum to **GBS** opsonized with IgA anti-III led to a sevenfold increase in phagocytosis. Heat inactivation of C destroyed the ability of neonatal rat serum to enhance phagocytosis

in the presence of IgA. C3 deposition was observed when **GBS** coated with IgA anti-III mAb were incubated in untreated neonatal rat serum or in serum treated with Mg/EGTA. This latter observation suggested that C3 deposition occurred through activation of the alternative pathway. The control IgA mAb MOPC 315 did not enhance **GBS** ingestion or C3 deposition on **GBS**. Depletion of C in vivo by using cobra venom factor abolished the protective effect of IgA anti-III mAb in the neonatal rat model. These data suggest that the ability of this IgA to activate C further enhances its opsonic activity and may be essential for its protective effect in vivo.

L7 ANSWER 31 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 21  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 89035480 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 3053900  
 TITLE: **Group B streptococci inhibit the chemotactic activity of the fifth component of complement.**  
 AUTHOR: Hill H R; Bohnsack J F; Morris E Z; Augustine N H; Parker C J; Cleary P P; Wu J T  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City 84132.  
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 SOURCE: Journal of immunology (Baltimore, Md. : 1950), (1988 Nov 15) 141 (10) 3551-6.  
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AB Infection with **group B streptococci (GBS)** is associated with a poor acute inflammatory response in which neutrophils fail to localize at the site of invasion. In the present studies, we have examined the effects of **group B streptococci** on C-derived chemotactic activity in human serum. Fresh human serum was activated to form C5a and C5adesarg by incubation with zymosan. The activated serum was then incubated with **group B** organisms, centrifuged, and the supernatants tested for chemotactic activity for human polymorphonuclear leukocytes. **Group B** organisms caused a dose-dependent decrease in C-dependent chemotactic activity. The degree of inhibition was profound with 1 X 10<sup>9</sup> bacteria/ml (10% of control). Experiments indicated that significant chemotactic factor inactivation occurred within 2 min of exposure to **GBS** organisms, while maximal inhibition occurred after 30 min incubation. A number of different strains of **GBS** of types I, II, and III possessed inhibitory activity. In contrast, **group D streptococci**, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* failed to inhibit the C-derived chemotactic activity in human serum. **Group A streptococci** that were M protein positive also inactivated C-dependent chemotactic activity in serum, as previously reported. The inhibitory activity of the **GBS** strains could be abolished by

heat or trypsin treatment but not by neuraminidase, pronase, or pepsin. C5a levels in zymosan-activated serum as measured by RIA were not decreased after incubation with an inhibitory strain suggesting that absorption was not involved. SDS-PAGE analysis revealed that **group B streptococci** degrade the C5a molecule, increasing its electrophoretic mobility by removing a fragment with a m.w. of approximately 650 Da. Thus, one of the reasons for the poor inflammatory response at the site of **GBS** infection may reside in the ability of these pathogens to inactivate C-derived inflammatory mediators. The **GBS** C5a-ase activity probably serves as an additional virulence factor for these organisms contributing to the poor inflammatory response characteristic of **group B streptococcal** infection.

L7 ANSWER 32 OF 32 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 22  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 89009990 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 2844920  
 TITLE: Effects of fibronectin on the interaction of polymorphonuclear leukocytes with unopsonized and antibody-opsonized bacteria.  
 AUTHOR: Yang K D; Augustine N H; Gonzalez L A; Bohnsack J F  
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 AB Fibronectin (Fn) affects the interaction of polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNLs) with certain bacteria. Fn alone enhanced the response, in a chemiluminescence (CL) assay, of PMNLs to *Staphylococcus aureus* (P less than .05) and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (P less than .01) but had no effect on type III, **group B streptococci** (**GBS**) or *Escherichia coli*. When **GBS** or *E. coli* were first preopsonized in antibody, Fn significantly enhanced the CL response of PMNLs (P less than .05). The intracellular metabolic inhibitor NaN3 but not the extracellular scavengers superoxide dismutase or human serum albumin inhibited Fn-enhanced CL; this fact suggests that enhancement of the respiratory burst by Fn is an intracellular event. We used an acridine orange-crystal violet monolayer assay to examine the effects of Fn on ingestion and intracellular killing of bacteria by PMNLs. Fn alone promoted uptake and killing of *S. aureus* (P less than .01) and *S. epidermidis* (P less than .05) by PMNLs but did not enhance monolayer phagocytosis of **GBS** or *E. coli*, unless these bacteria were preopsonized in antibody (P less than .01).

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